



City Of Columbus  
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**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**  
**As City Crews move to clear ice from catch basins,**  
**Mayor asks residents to do their part to prevent flooding**

(Columbus) As more than 30 employees from the Department of Public Utilities continue to work clearing ice and snow from catch basins, Mayor Michael B. Coleman is again asking residents to step up and do their part. Residents can help prevent flooding in their neighborhood by moving melting snow and ice from catch basins on their street as temperatures rise again this week.

**“Our snow warriors and water line repair crews are doing their job day and night, but we all can pitch in to help prevent flooding on the streets where we live,” said Mayor Coleman.**

Churches, area commissions, civic associations and other neighborhood groups can band together to clear catch basins in their areas to allow the melting snow and ice to flow into storm sewers. Residents should shovel the snow and ice into the sewer and onto the curb, but away from sidewalks. Heat within the sewer will melt the ice.

The City maintains more than 40,000 catch basins and nearly 5,979 miles of sewers.

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